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*Changes to Navigation and Vessel Inspection
Circulars 03-03, 04-03 and 06-03*

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The Coast Guard has completed updates to Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars (NVICs) providing guidance for enforcement of Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA)/ International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code policies relating to domestic vessels, foreign flagged vessels and facility compliance enforcement. The affected NVIC's are listed below:

NVIC 3-03 Change 1 Implementation Guidance for the Regulations Mandated by the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA) for Facilities.

NVIC 4-03 Change 1 Guidance for Verification of Vessel Security Plans on Domestic Vessels in accordance with the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) Regulations and International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code.

NVIC 06-03 Change 1 Coast Guard Port State Control Targeting and Boarding Policy for Vessel Security and Safety.

Updated information includes revisions to the verification guides for U. S. and domestic vessels; targeting guidelines for vessel boardings and inspections; draft approval letters for facility security plans; and guidance on enforcement for vessels visiting from non-ISPS compliant ports.

Copies of the NVIC's may be accessed on the following website:

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nvic/index00.htm>

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